

Remarks

The office action of May 20, 2003 has been reviewed and the examiners comments carefully considered. All of the original claims have now been cancelled and new claims 21-32 have been added.

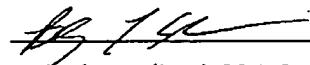
The previous claims were rejected as anticipated or obvious over the YOON patent. In addressing the applicant's prior arguments the Examiner states that although tube 38 of applicants drawings have an end which ends on the periphery of body portion, the claims do not require this configuration. The newly drafted claims have been drafted in accordance with the examiner suggestion to incorporate this language into the claims. Specifically independent claim 21 defines:

at least one tube positioned between adjacent inflatable sections, wherein each adjacent inflatable section extends around the entire circumference of the body, and wherein the tube has an opening at one end thereof positioned at a peripheral portion of the device between the adjacent inflatable sections, and wherein the tube extends from the opening at the one end to a distal end of the body member, wherein the tube is adapted to be selectively attached to a suction source or a fluid supply source whereby material can be selectively withdrawn from or supplied to the area surrounding the device and within the hollow viscus between the adjacent inflatable sections with the material flowing through the tube opening at the end of the tube. (EMPHASIS ADDED)

The applicant's prior arguments are incorporated herein and are believed to be in conformance with the claim language. The examiner is thanked for defining the proposed language to set forth this distinction. In addition to new independent claim 21, new claims 21-32 have been added to further clarify and distinguish the present claimed invention from the prior art. These claims depend from claim 21 directly or indirectly and are allowable for these reasons. Favorable action is respectfully considered.

Respectfully Submitted;

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